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These three letters from Robert A. Miller, Jr., to his aunt Mina Miller Edison date from 1917 and 1931. The first letter, written from a military camp shortly after the entry of the United States into World War I, discusses Robert's hopes for a commission and his attitude toward the war. The other two letters, written in August and October 1931, refer to Edison's declining health and public sentiment regarding his imminent death.

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Author
Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Quogue (Long Island Resort Community)
- Edison, Marion Estelle

Date
1917-07-26

Type
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- Edison-Miller family
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- Military
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July 26, 1917

Dear Aunt Mina

Your very welcome note of the 23rd came yesterday and I certainly was glad to get it. I very much appreciate your taking time to write me, for I know just how hard it is to work in all that one wants to do. I find it almost impossible to manage any writing especially when I most want to write. Just now I am stealing a few minutes right after breakfast. I don't know what will happen next.

Camp closes here about August 11th though it may last longer than that — and, we all hope, it may end sooner. I am sorry to say that I have not a commission as yet Aunt Mina! I shall not know whether or what commission I shall get until quite close to the time that Camp closes. I doubt if we hear more than a day or so before hand. So kill the rumor if you can!

I certainly am sorry that that phono-

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graph went astray! And the more since it was the first one shipped. We all quite looked forward to having it, but maybe we have not missed it so much as we would have, had we had it and lost it. I hope that it can be traced and found all right.

I hope that the word from Marion was good, so far as her own family and friends were concerned. It is rather remarkable that you heard from her at all, though, I think, don't you? The war certainly is terrible all right, and I wish it were over, but all we can do is to keep on hoping that it may soon end.

I wish I could visit you all at Prospect, but fear that time will be exceedingly limited whenever Camp closes. I may be able to manage a few hours though – if you are still there.

With worlds of love

Lovingly

Junior.

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Title
[F5D08B], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 21st, 1931

Author
Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-08-21

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health

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August 21, 193[illegible]

Dear Aunt Nina-

I hope that Uncle Thomas is again feeling so well that you may at last snatch a moment to read this short note.

We have all been most anxious about him, and hoping that you were not wearing yourself out completely. You know we all are pulling with you and carrying you along in our thoughts.

It has been lonely this summer to go to Chautauqua occasionally for a few hours with Mother, at the Cottage. I wish it might have been longer, each time, but it has been marvelous anyway and you shall see it has been immeasurable.

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Phare give our love to Uncle Thomas and keep just oodles and oodles for yourself.

Here is hoping that Uncle Thomas' condition may continue to improve, and rapidly, and that you may not be too tired to enjoy the daily flashes.

Loads & loads of love

Junior.

Write Robert Jr. Thank him for his letter which I greatly prize and give particulars of his Uncle Thomas — Love to them all.

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Author
Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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October 14, 1931

Dear Auntie Lina

I was so thoroughly impressed with and pleased by the sentiments expressed in the enclosed note by Florence Fiske Perry which appeared in the Pittsburgh Press last evening, that I am sure you will like to read it.

Expressions of feeling such as this are extremely rare, I think, but in the case of Uncle Thomas and yourself, will undoubtedly be far more numerous than usual. I hope it may

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carry with it some solace of 2
spirit and it of some assist-
ance in the trouble you are
going through.

Just oodles and oodles
of love

Junior.